

I am strongly opposed to further media consolidation, particularly with allowing ownership of more than one TV station in a specific market.

I believe that this nation is best served by a diffusion of power through local control, through competition, NOT by a concentration of power in the hands of a few big media companies.

Some TV stations already are able to combine news services through management agreements. But at least there is separate ownership that allows the representation of different views.

In fact, I would like to see some diversiture of radio. In the market where I live, 70% of the station are controlled by two big out-of-town radio companies. One of them owns 7 FM stations here. WHO ALLOWED THIS!!! It makes it difficult for the smaller, locally owned independent stations. Instead of serving the community, its now about money. It's serving the advertising agencies, who decide which audience, which demographic is worth serving. We were better off when most of the radio stations were locally owned.

I don't think TV should be heading in the same direction as radio has.

And this is not about radio now presenting a conservative viewpoint. Because I, too, am a conservative. I'm NOT a member of the NRA, but I hear they are of the same opinion.

I am less opposed to cross-ownership, but only with restrictions on the number of outlets within a specific media. For example, I don't think a newspaper should be allowed to own 5 radio stations. And, better yet, only if the newspaper, or TV station, etc., the buyer, is locally owned.